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Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman LLP
Attention: Bill Schaal
3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 750
Costa Mesa, California 92626

RE: U.S. Application No.: 09/183,717
Filing Date: October 30, 1998
Title: System and method for providing digital video and audio broadcasts.
Sony's Reference No.: 50M2465
Your Reference No.: 80398.P162

Dear Mr. Schaal:

In response to your communication dated November 21, 2002, enclosing the final office action dated November 13, 2002, Fred Zustak has completed his review of said action and has decided to abandon the application. Primarily, Fred has instructed you to call him Monday, January 13, 2003, to discuss the claims and requests for a Continuation-in-Part to be filed on or before February 13, 2003.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above instructions given, please do not hesitate to contact me at (858) 942-3071. Thank you for your time and assistance in the above matter.

Sincerely yours,

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